

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2019**

Committee Attendance: Lynn Wiles, Rick Darveau, Paul Margolin, Joy Muller, Gary Stewart, Duane Himes, and Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: Renee Williams, Mike Byerly – Beautify Londonderry

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

**Acceptance of May 2019 Meeting Minutes
Project Status**

- **Beautify Londonderry Mission**
 - Mike Byerly and Renee Williams from Beautify Londonderry) attended the meeting to discuss future goals of the program.
 - Mike and Renee passed out a summary explanation of how the program went this year and a few changes that were made
 - Beautify Londonderry was primarily one day when most groups went out to do a particular beautify/clean up activity.
 - In addition to this one day, groups were also encouraged to act as a group and to do their activity on any day they felt was more suitable to their group. Groups could pick up gloves and supplies at the Town hall on Friday afternoon. This was prearranged with the DPW and the Town prior to pick up
 - The idea was put forth to try and encourage this sort of activity year-round.
 - The safety issue was brought up and the use of police details. Bob mentioned that it was very expensive to have a police detail for the day. It was suggested that any proposed work along a busy road should be put forth to the police department, so they are aware of that activity. This is very important since there may be roads where the police don't want volunteers working due to safety concerns.
 - There was also some discussion about get local businesses involved by seeking a donation from them to purchase supplies, gloves, etc.
 - Renee spoke of engaging the schools to participate more.

These committee thanked Mike and Renee for their work on this program.

- **Composting**
 - Joy, Rick, Lynn and Paul helped hand out composting bins and pails to those individuals that had signed up to receive them on June 1st and 8th at the old school administration building next to Town Hall.
 - Presently, 57 bins and 40 pails have been picked by those who had expressed an interest. There will be another distribution/sell

date on June 15th from 8 AM to 12 PM to try to distribute most of the rest of the bins.

- Joy has continued to try and contact those individuals that have not picked up their bins/pails.

- **Welcome Sign Relocation**

- KC Signs contacted Paul and told him that they would handle getting the area for the new sign through the DIGSAFE process so the sign could be installed safely and avoid hitting any utilities.

- **Scouting Groups MRF Outreach**

- Joy and the Girl Scouts will be visiting Waste Management's recycling facility in Billerica on June 13th. Gary Stewart will try and go with the group for a site visit.
- The Cub Scout troop that expressed an interest in a visit to the facility have not made any further contact with the committee.

- **Newspaper Columns**

- Joy wrote an article on the Town of Londonderry recycling program and it was published in the Londonderry Times during the beginning of June.
- The Conservation Commission will do articles for August and October.
- SWEC will do articles for July and September
- The committee is tasked with checking the DES website to look for possible ideas for future articles.

- **Action Item Status**

Actions (Updated from meeting)

Bob:

1. **Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center.** – Finance Dept. and Town Clerks office are checking in to the logistics of providing this service. Bob will update the committee this progresses.

Joy:

1. **Working with Erin Brodman at the Access Center over the next few months on revisions to the HHW Day video by late summer.**

Paul:

1. **Plan for Welcome sign relocation in spring**
2. **Re-visit Bob's request for recycling column updates.**

Greg:

1. **Research the DPW website to the purpose of writing a column about the Drop Off Center services**

Lynn:

1. Check with Hannaford's about their reusable grocery bag program and parking lot signs.
2. Consider producing a PSA on blue bags

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting on July 8th.